

NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: NPD Investigate Attempted Robbery

Newark Police are investigating an attempted robbery which occurred at approximately 7:00pm this evening at the intersection of West Park Place and Apple Road in the City of Newark.

During the incident, a 19 year old female victim was walking westbound on the north sidewalk of West Park Place when she was approached from behind by an unknown white male suspect. The suspect grabbed the victim from behind, displayed a knife and demanded her property. When the victim told the suspect she had no property, he pushed her to the ground and fled northbound on Apple Road. The victim, a 19 year old University of Delaware student, was not injured during the incident.

Following the robbery attempt, the victim ran to her home on South Main Street and contacted NPD. Officers from NPD responded immediately to the scene and a K9 track was conducted by a UDPD K9 team, however, the suspect was not located.

The suspect is described as a white male, 5'6" -5'11" tall with a muscular build. The suspect was wearing a black hooded jacket with the hood pulled up over his head.

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Det. Fred Nelson at 302-366-7110 ext. 136 or frederick.nelson@cj.state.de.us. You can send an anonymous text message tip by texting 302NPD and your message to TIP411. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.tipsubmit.com where a reward may be available.

The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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